Chapter 319: The Art of Battle Aura

Sung Jin-Woo sat upon the grand throne of Umbra Citadel, a towering seat of dark silver adorned with glowing runes and shadow motifs. His All-Seeing Eyes, a gift of his boundless evolution, scanned through the countless pages of an ancient tome floating before him. This book, recovered from one of the countless realms he had conquered, was titled The Secrets of Touki: The Battle Aura of Legends.

The Essence of Touki

As Sung Jin-Woo delved into the text, he unraveled the intricate nature of Touki, also known as Battle Aura. This technique, ancient and revered, was said to be the pinnacle of physical enhancement, developed by mortal warriors who sought to transcend their natural limitations.

Touki Principles:

1. Mana Envelopment: The user channels mana from their core, enveloping their body in a protective, translucent layer.

2. Impenetrability: This layer acts as armor, resisting both physical and magical attacks.

3. Enhanced Strength and Agility: With Touki, the user's body is amplified to its utmost potential, granting superhuman speed and power.

4. Aura Manifestation: Advanced practitioners could manifest their aura into weapons or forms, such as flaming fists or energy-based blades.

5. Resonance: When two users of Touki clashed, their auras would resonate, creating shockwaves and affecting the environment around them.

The Origin of Touki

The book detailed that Touki originated in a distant realm, developed by warriors who lacked magical or divine abilities but sought a way to stand against the gods themselves. Through sheer will and training, they unlocked the ability to manipulate their life force and mana, creating a technique that rivaled even divine powers.

Sung Jin-Woo’s Practice

Sung Jin-Woo was intrigued by this mortal-born power. Despite his divine status, he found wisdom in learning techniques that bridged the gap between mortals and gods. He decided to experiment with Touki.

Closing the book, he activated his Absolute Domain, isolating himself from distractions.

He began by channeling his immense mana through his body, condensing it into a thin, shimmering layer around his form.

The first attempt resulted in a blinding surge of power that shattered nearby structures in the throne room. With a wave of his hand, he restored the damage and adjusted his approach.

Gradually, he refined the process, compressing his mana with precision and control.

After hours of concentration, his body radiated a faint, dark silver aura—a perfect manifestation of Touki.

Sung Jin-Woo’s Touki Abilities

With his divine power, Sung Jin-Woo elevated Touki beyond its mortal origins:

1. Shadow Armor: A denser version of Touki infused with shadow energy, making it resistant to divine and eldritch forces.

2. Umbra Step: An agility boost allowing instantaneous movement between shadows.

3. Eclipse Fist: A punch charged with Touki that created black holes upon impact.

4. Abyssal Blade Manifestation: Using Touki to form an energy blade resembling the Kamish’s Wrath, capable of cutting through dimensions.

Satisfied with his progress, Sung Jin-Woo deactivated his aura, and the throne room returned to silence. He closed the tome and placed it in his Vault of Knowledge, a repository of ancient texts and forbidden lore.

Sung Jin-Woo then gazed out of the Umbra Citadel’s massive windows, overlooking his vast domains. He mused, "Even the smallest technique, born of mortal hands, can become divine in the right grasp. Let this be another gift I share with my subjects."

He decided to impart the knowledge of Touki to his followers, granting them another tool to strengthen their bodies and spirits, further solidifying their roles as protectors of the multiverse.